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Parks and Recreation Minutes 02/08/2005

Park and Recreation Commission Minutes

Tuesday, February 8, 2005 at 7:00 p.m.

APPROVED - Meeting Minutes

Present: Mr. Carabello, Mr. Caccavaro, Mr. Vitters, Ms. Campbell, Ms. Mayer

Staff: Mr. Jalbert

Others: Mr. Ed Campbell, Mr. Donald Murphy, Ms. Margaret Mitropoulos, Ms. Karen Hodge

1. Approval December & January Minutes

January 11, 2005 minutes approved with changes.

MOTION TO APPROVE MINUTES WITH NOTED CHANGES

Made by Ms. Campbell, 2nd Ms. Mayer, approved unanimously (5-0)

December 14, 2004 minutes

MOTION TO EXCLUDE ADDITIONAL PAGES TO MINUTES

Made by Mr. Vitters, 2nd by Mr. Caccavaro, Mr. Carabello

Approved 3-2 (no Ms. Mayer and Ms. Campbell)

2. Capital Project Updates – Don Vitters and Joe Carabello

Mr. Carabello received notice from Kevin O'Brien re: CDBG funds addition. TM and BOS approved for Waldo, Locke and Crosby. We plan on going out to bid, notice went to central registry today, this week Crosby and next week Waldo and Locke. Dominic is sending the playground projects out together. Mr. Vitters and Mr. Jalbert met with Larson Associates to discuss adjustments to projects and prepare again for bid.

-*Spy Pond*, not much work is happening because of the weather. Next site meeting is scheduled for 2/15/05 at 8am.

-*Robbins Farm*, nothing yet contractor will be back this Spring to do slice seeding

Next step is to get out Request for Designs for Menotomy Rocks Park and Bishop, Mr. Vitters recommends using 5-6 companies to send out letters.

-*Crosby Tennis* Mr. Jalbert will ask Mr. Diloreto re: tennis court surfacing (plexi pave or plexi cushioning) and color choices and let Don or Larson Associates know ASAP

3. Committee Updates (5 minutes each)

-*Field Policy Committee* (Joe Carabello) – Jon updated the commission

MOTION: PRC GRANTS REQUEST BY SUPER TO PERMIT MENOTOMY FOR PRACTICES ONLY DUE TO FIELDS CONSTRAINTS WITH PEIRCE, NO GOALS CONES ONLY AND TO MEET WITH FMRP TO ADDRESS ANY CONCERNS OF THEIRS FOR THE UPCOMING SPRING SEASON.

LESLIE, 2-NANCY, APPROVED 5-0.

Another meeting will take place at the end of March to finalize the permits. Also field cancellation program will be reviewed.

-*Field Maintenance and User Fee Committee* (Nancy Campbell) Meeting scheduled for this Thursday and currently organizing various Town information to be presented at Town Meeting.

-*Sports Center Improvement Committee* (Tom Caccavaro) no meeting yet because there has been no movement on the lease.

-*Open Space Committee* (Leslie Mayer) Committee is working on Management Plan for McClennan Park and Bikeway. Ms. Mayer handed out copies of these documents to the members. Individuals and sub-committees are divided up to complete different parks to complete the Management Plans.

-Friends Groups

FOCCA-Ms. Mayer reported on a meeting with FOCCA, TM, FMRP, Mayer and Jalbert. Brief history was given, proposal and examples from other communities, espec. Brookline. Public meeting was discussed to approach the dog park idea as a community program and not specifically one area. Mr. Jalbert will contact Alice Norman to schedule the public meeting upstairs in the conference room.

4. Recreation and Rink Update – Jon Jalbert

- a. Bernice Jones appreciation bench- Sat., May 21st, rain date 5/28 Carabello will write up the plaque.
- b. Rink User Mtg-went well, ice conditions continue to be a complaint from users and Mr. Jalbert explained the staff are doing their best to work on improving the conditions. Many users commended on the cleanliness of the rink. There have been no double bookings this year, which is due to the hard work of Mr. Brothers.
- c. Field User Meeting went well. Mr. Jalbert discussed with user groups the lack of space expected this Spring. Another meeting is scheduled in March to review final permits. Mr. Jalbert also met with Arlington United Soccer Club to discuss lack of payment over 5 seasons. Mr. Jalbert offered to charge the group for the past 3 seasons and to go on a payment plan. If no payment is made, then no permit will be given to this group. Mr. Jalbert will keep the commission informed of any progress.
- d. Winter Carnival is close in getting full sponsorship from the Arlington Children's Fund. This will allow the program to continue providing a fun day during February vacation week. Mr. Jalbert asked the commission for any assistance at that event.
- e. Mr. Jalbert also announced upcoming events: this Friday, 2/12/05 Daddy Daughter Dance, the 3rd annual Spring Egg Hunt on Sat., March 19 at 11 am, and the 27th annual Memorial Day Road Race on Monday, May 30th. Mr. Jalbert asked if any commissioners are willing to volunteer to let him know.
- f. Mr. Jalbert presented a permit request for Menotomy Rocks Park by Kristin Hall for Orienteering on Sat., April 2, 2005.

MOTION TO ACCEPT AND APPROVE THE PERMIT.

Made by Ms. Mayer, 2nd by Mr. Vitters and approved unanimously 5-0.

g. MOTION TO ACCEPT AND APPROVE THE SPECIAL EVENTS PRESENTED FOR MAY AND JUNE OF 2005.

Made by Mr. Vitters, 2nd by Ms. Mayer and approved unanimously 5-0.

- h. Mr. Jalbert updated the commission on adding another bus for the Ski Program.

5. Others

Ms. Mayer – Activate Arlington Group planning an event for a moving day to have people walk the bike path. Phys. Ed dept. heading this project and the event to take place on April 9th.

-Meeting was held with Tree House Group and Kate Cremens-Basbas to discuss their vision of incorporating wholeness and wellness to the Activate Arlington Group.